

## Response Under 37 CFR §1.111

IN THE CLAIMS (CLEAN COPY)

A marked-up copy follows this clean copy as required under 37 CFR 1.121.

Please amend claims 19, 25 and 31 as follows:

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- SJ D1) 19. A method on an information processing system for purchasing products using a purchasing agent, the method comprising:  
utilizing a user dialog to register at a plurality of auction sites to obtain a user identification and/or password;  
utilizing a user dialog to enter a product purchase request;  
communicating with a first and/or next auction site;  
determining if said product purchase request is available, and if not, proceeding to the communicating step;  
determining if a current bid from said auction site is below a limit maximum permitted, and if not, proceeding to the communicating step;  
placing a bid for said product purchase request with said auction site;  
determining if said bid has been accepted and if so, canceling outstanding bids at other auction sites;  
if said bid has not been accepted, determining if bidding has been terminated and if so, proceeding to the communicating step;  
determining if time is running out on any current outstanding bids and if so, canceling all high-cost outstanding bids and returning to the determining if said bid has been accepted; and  
if time is not running out on any current outstanding bids, returning to the communicating step to inquire if there are additional auction sites in which it might be advantageous to place a bid on said product purchase request.
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- SJ D1) 25. A system for purchasing products using a purchasing agent, comprising:  
means for utilizing a user dialog to register at a plurality of auction sites to obtain a user identification and/or password;  
means for utilizing a user dialog to enter a product purchase request;  
means for communicating with a first and/or next auction site;

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*C1* ~~> means for determining if said product purchase request is available, and if not, proceeding to the means for communicating;~~

~~means for determining if a current bid from said auction site is below a limit maximum permitted, and if not, proceeding to the means for communicating;~~

~~means for placing a bid for said product purchase request with said auction site;~~

~~means for determining if said bid has been accepted and if so, canceling outstanding bids at other auction sites;~~

~~if said bid has not been accepted, means for determining if bidding has been terminated, and if so, proceeding to the means for communicating;~~

~~means for determining if time is running out on any current outstanding bids and if so, canceling all high-cost outstanding bids and returning to the third means for determining; and~~

~~if time is not running out on any current outstanding bids, means for returning to the means for communicating to inquire if there are additional auction sites in which it might be advantageous to place a bid on said product purchase request.~~

*S1* *D1* ~~31. A computer-readable medium comprising programming instructions for purchasing products using a purchasing agent, the programming instructions including:~~

~~utilizing a user dialog to register at a plurality of auction sites to obtain a user identification and/or password;~~

~~utilizing a user dialog to enter a product purchase request;~~

~~communicating with a first and/or next auction site;~~

~~determining if said product purchase request is available, and if not, proceeding to the communicating step;~~

~~determining if a current bid from said auction site is below a limit maximum permitted, and if not, proceeding to the communicating step;~~

~~placing a bid for said product purchase request with said auction site;~~

~~determining if said bid has been accepted and if so, canceling outstanding bids at other auction sites;~~

~~if said bid has not been accepted, determining if bidding has been terminated and if so, proceeding to the communicating step;~~

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P1> determining if time is running out on any current outstanding bids and if so, canceling all high-cost outstanding bids and returning to the third instructions for determining; and

C3 if time is not running out on any current outstanding bids, returning to the communicating step to inquire if there are additional auction sites in which it might be advantageous to place a bid on said product purchase request.

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